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WASHINGTON (AP)--A VETERAN MARINE GENERAL NOW SERVING IN VIETNAM WILL BE NAMED ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, IT WAS LEARNED TODAY.

PENTAGON SOURCES SAID THE NEW ASSIGNMENT WILL GO TO LT. GEN. ROBERT E. CUSHMAN JR., WHO NOW FILLS ONE OF THE MAJOR MILITARY COMMAND POSTS IN VIETNAM.

CUSHMAN, 54, IS COMMANDING GENERAL OF THE 3RD MARINE AMPHIBIOUS FORCE IN VIETNAM'S I CORPS, THE SECTOR JUST BELOW THE DEMILITARIZED ZONE.

PENTAGON SOURCES SAID AN ANNOUNCEMENT WOULD BE FORTHCOMING FROM THE WHITE HOUSE.

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(NIXON)

WASHINGTON--PRESIDENT NIXON ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT A MARINE THREE-STAR GENERAL IS BEING BROUGHT HOME FROM VIETNAM TO BECOME DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY.

LT. GEN. ROBERT F. CUSHMAN JR., NOW COMMANDER OF THE 3RD MARINE AMPHIBIOUS FORCE IN VIETNAM, WILL BECOME NO. 2 OFFICIAL OF THE CIA, BEHIND DIRECTOR RICHARD HELMS. NIXON ASKED HELMS TO STAY ON AS CHIEF.

CUSHMAN WILL LEAVE HIS VIETNAM POST MARCH 26 TO TAKE OVER HIS NEW JOB.

CUSHMAN, 59, A NATIVE OF ST. PAUL, MINN., WILL SUCCEED VICE ADM. RUFUS L. TAYLOR, WHO RETIRED EFFECTIVE FEB. 1 AS DEPUTY CIA DIRECTOR.

TRADITIONALLY, THE TOP TWO CIA POSTS ARE SPLIT BETWEEN THE CIVILIAN AND THE MILITARY.

FOLLOWING GRADUATION FROM THE U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY, CUSHMAN SAW WORLD WAR II COMBAT DUTY IN THE PACIFIC.

BEGINNING IN FEBRUARY, 1957, HE SERVED FOUR YEARS AS AN ASSISTANT TO NIXON ON NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS WHEN NIXON WAS VICE PRESIDENT. TAYLOR HAD SERVED AS DEPUTY CIA DIRECTOR SINCE OCTOBER, 1966.

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